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IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims 11 and 12 as follows:

B2 4/ 11. (Once Amended) A method of transferring DNA samples from a microtitre plate to a microscope slide, comprising the steps of:

providing a microtitre plate with a plurality of DNA samples arranged in an array of samples;

providing a microscope slide having front and rear faces;

attaching a pre-printed label having at least one alpha-numeric grid to the rear face of said microscope slide, said alpha-numeric grid comprising an 8x12 array; and

transferring DNA material from said microtitre plate to the front face of said microscope slide using the grid on said label as a guide.

S 12. (Once Amended) A method of manually spotting a microscope slide, comprising the steps of:

attaching an adhesive gridded indicia means comprising an alpha-numeric grid comprising an 8x12 array to an underside of said microscope slide; and

spotting said microscope slide using said indicia means as a guide, with the indicia means being viewed through the microscope slide.

REMARKS

In view of the amendments made to the specification and claims, and in view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Initially, the Applicant would like to thank Examiner Smith for discussing this case with the undersigned on March 19, 2003. In general, it was submitted to the Examiner that numerous distinctions exist between the present invention as claimed and